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SUBJ: TREASURY CUSTOMS PRECLEARANCE STAFFING BERMUDA

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JUNE 1973; (C) STATE 122706 JUNE 1973; (D)
A-3465 APRIL 1974; (E) HAMILTON 115 JUNE 1974

1. REFERENCE (A) TRANSMITTED A TREASURY PROPOSAL TO
RAISE THE CUSTOMS PRECLEARANCE STAFF TO THE LEVEL OF
30 POSITIONS FROM A THEN AUTHORIZED 3 FULL TIME AND
5 WAE POSITIONS. REFERENCE (B) RECOMMENDED AN
INTERIM INCREASE TO 18 POSITIONS WHICH WAS APPROVED
BY REFERENCE (C). SUBSEQUENTLY IN 1974 REFERENCE
(D) THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH FOR THE PRECUSTOMS STAFF
BERMUDA WAS REPORTED AS 23 US POSITIONS.
2. CURRENT STRENGTH OF THE TREASURY PRECUSTOMS STAFF
IS 12 FULL TIME AND 7 WAE FOR A TOTAL OF 19. TWO

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OF 7 WAE ARE DEPARTING LATER THIS MONTH.
3. CONGEN MET MARCH 17 WITH COMMITTE OF AIR
LINES SERVICING BERMUDA (AMC) SUBSEQUENT THEIR MARCH
10 MEETING WITH CUSTOMS INSPECTOR IN CHARGE WALLACE.
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AMC POINTED OUT THERE WERE 25 AIRCRAFT DEPARTURE

DELAYS DUE CUSTOMS PROCESSING MONTH OF FEBRUARY (BA-7, EA-6, DL-3, PA-9). DELAYS DUE INABILITY CUSTOMS ADEQUATELY MAN ALL 5 H STATIONS DURING RUSH PERIODS CREATING BACK UPS. AMC HASTENED TO ADD DELAYS NOT REPEAT NOT BECAUSE OF ANY LACK CUSTOMS COOPERATION.

4. THE TOURIST (BUSY) SEASON JUST NOW BEGINNING. BASED ON PAST SEVERAL MONTHS OPERATION NEW H INSPECTION STATIONS AND RECONFIGURATION CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION OFFICES AND CASHIER POSITIONS WE BELIEVE MINIMUM CUSTOMS STAFF REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT INSPECTION AND ENSURE RATE FLOW OF 700 PASSENGERS PER HOUR (IIB) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT) IS 14 FULL TIME AND 12 WAE. FULL TIME EMPLOYEES WILL FORM PERMANENT CADRE CAREER INSPECTORS WITH SUPERVISORS FOR SHIFTS. WAE WILL BE USED AS

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SEASONAL DEMANDS ARE FELT. IN OFF SEASON (NOV-FEB)
A MINIMUM OF WAE WILL BE REQUIRED, WITH TOTAL WAE
COMPLEMENT FOR MAXIMUM VISITOR SEASON. THIS WILL
FURNISH MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF MANPOWER AT LEAST
COST TO USG AND WE BELIEVE ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION
HERE IN A HIGHLY SATISFACTORY MANNER.

5. GOB SPECIFICALLY MINISTER MARINE AND AIR SERVICES AND DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION AWARE OF AMC-CUSTOMS PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, AT THIS STAFTE MATTER BETWEEN CUSTOMS AND AIRLINES USING PRECUSTOMS FACILITIES. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY SOONEST REGARDING AN AUTHORIZED AND FILLED COMPLEMENT OF 14 FULL TIME AND 12 WAE US EMPLOYEES FOR PRECUSTOMS BERMUDA.

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